



Slavery: How the Chains Remain Attached Today

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Some quick facts about Slavery in the 1800s

- Africans became slaves in the American Colonies during the 1600's
- Slaves were common in the South to work in large plantation fields growing cotton.
- The slave states had approximately four million slaves by 1860 and made up one-third of the South's population.
- A few slave owners thought Africans were less than human and that it was socially expectable to treat them poorly.



Geography:

Most slaves that came to the United States were in the Southern Colonies.

1. Enslaved Africans were brought across the Atlantic from regions ranging from the Senegal River in northern Africa to Angola in the South.

2. Europeans divided this stretch of land into five coasts:

- 1) Upper Guinea Coast:
- 2) Ivory Coast: Now Central Liberia
- 3) Lower Guinea Coast
- 4) Gabon
- 5) Angola

Slave Jobs in the 1800s

- Pick and Plant Cotton
- Work on Plantations
- Craftsmen
- Factory work
- Construction workers
- Dockworkers
- Office workers
- Riverboat pilots
- Personal Drivers

TOTAL SLAVES IMPORTED
INTO AMERICAN COLONIES: 597,000



Human Trafficking is the Modern Day Slave Trade

Human beings—mostly women and children are forced, tricked, or threatened into situations where they work for little or no pay and are unable to leave. Their labor and bodies are exploited for another's profit. They are subjected to horrible physical, psychological, and spiritual abuse that leaves them scarred for life—if they survive the ordeal.



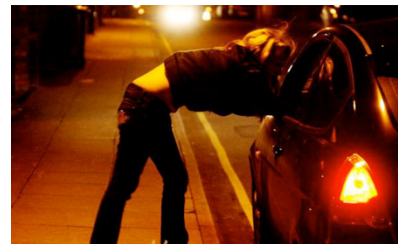
Some quick stats about Human Trafficking:

- Twenty-seven million slaves exist in the world today
- Two hundred thousand people are currently enslaved in the US
- Up to 17,500 new victims are trafficked across US borders each year
- 800,000 to 900,000 human beings are bought, sold, or forced across the world's borders each year
- Human trafficking is currently in a race for the 2nd largest international crime industry (behind illegal drugs and arms trafficking).
- The UN estimates that the slave trade generates nearly \$35 billion in revenue each year
- 80% of Victims are Female—50% are Children



Sex Trafficking within America:

- 100,000 CHILDREN in US are exploited for commercial sex (prostitution)
- 300,000 CHILDREN in US are vulnerable to sexual exploitation
- The average age of entry into prostitution in US is 12-14 YEARS OLD
- The average life expectancy of a prostitute in the US is 7 YEARS
- Women, girls, and boys can be sex trafficked



8 Major Types of Human Trafficking Today:

1. Forced Labor
2. Sex Trafficking
3. Bonded Labor
4. Debt Bondage Among Migrant Laborers
5. Involuntary Domestic Servitude
6. Forced Child Labor
7. Child Soldiers
8. Child Sex Trafficking

Recruitment Strategies for Sex Trafficking:

Force = Using violence to control someone
Coercion = Using threats to control someone
Fraud = Using lies to control someone
Seemingly legitimate work opportunities
Sex workers recruited for higher-paying sex work in other states/ countries
False/predatory romantic involvement-Loverboys
Purchase of women or girls from impoverished family/guardians (rare)

What we can do:

- Educate yourself more
- Spread the word
- If you see something, report it to 888-3737-888
- Don't support commercial sex
- Buy used (second hand, thrift stores,...)
- Buy Fair Trade!

Trafficking in Ohio

- Toledo: #1 per capita in recruiting most traffickers and most underage girls into prostitution
- Toledo: #4 city in arrests and investigations related to child sex trafficking
- Over 60 cases investigated in Ohio since 2003
- 783 foreign persons trafficked into Ohio's labor and sex trade within past year

Ohio Vulnerabilities

- Extensive highway system
- Most truck stops in nation
- 5th most strip clubs in nation
- Proximity to Canada
- Within day's drive to multiple major metropolitan cities
- Large Minority Population
- Sharply rising immigrant population
- Agricultural industry
- Unemployment
- Poverty